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JAMES TURNERS GOOSE CREEK

May ye. 8th. 1758

SIR

With Sorrow I inform you that this Instant I was Pursueing the Indians we take to be our friend and meet Jno. Echoles who was a Comeing from Thos. Morgans who inform me that the Indians has taken all Thos. Morgans family and all are Carried away or killd. and all the Goods Carried away and destroyed and it is the opinion of the men that Some are Killd. by the Signs they Saw—and as you render the Good of your Self and Country beg youl Send men immediately without Calling them together and give Express or send orders for the men to march immediately out to our assistance as we have but about Seventeen men and they are thirty Large odd in Company and if men Comes directly to Pursue them make no doubt with gods assisting Power to relieve the Poor distressed Prisoners I shal directly Pursue them they made Signs at my house that all the rest of the Indians are a Comeing from Winchester and think it would be Proper to Send to other Countyes for assistance So with Expectation of your best Assistance Rest your obedient friend and humble Sert.

WILLIAM MEAD To COLO. MATTW. TALBOT